

IDAHO BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 8/30/2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lance W Fagan, O.D. - Chair
Terri L Haley, O.D.
Jared Walker, O.D.
Shawn Sorenson O.D

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: William Von Tagen

DIVISION STAFF: Anne Lawler, Bureau Chief
Julie Eavenson, Licensing Group Manager
Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager
Nicholas Krema, General Counsel
Cesley Metcalfe, Team Lead

OTHERS PRESENT: Misty Lawrence, Division of Financial Management
Lance Giles, Idaho Optometric Physicians
Lisa White, Idaho Optometric Physicians
Carly Foster, Lobby Idaho
Jason Kreizenbeck, Lobby Idaho

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM MDT by Lance W Fagan, OD.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Haley made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/17/2021. It was seconded by Dr. Walker. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Lawler introduced herself to the Board as the new Bureau chief for the Occupational Licenses section of the Division.

LAWS AND RULES

Mr. Krema presented a legislative update. He stated that three (3) pieces of legislation passed the Legislature and were signed by the Governor to consolidate several self-governing regulatory Boards under the umbrella of the Division.

Mr. Krema also told the Board that while the Legislature did not adjourn sine die, the administrator was given the authority during the session to make the rules effective.

He stated that there was no lapse in the rules being effective and that its temporary rules became effective July 1, 2021.

Ms. Lawler stated that Tim Frost is working with the Idaho Optometric Association (IOP) to continue the process of rewriting the Board's Act to update the language and to bring the scope of practice in line with a licensee's experience and training while still protecting the public.

Ms. White stated that IOP has been working with Tim Frost on the rewrite and they will provide a draft to the Idaho Society of Ophthalmology for review.

DIVISION UPDATE

Ms. Lawler stated that with the passage of three (3) pieces of legislation that combined the self-governing Boards, the finances for all of the Boards have been combined, which allows the Division to start reorganizing staff to create greater efficiencies. Ms. Lawler also stated that Division should be moving into its permanent office by 7/1/2022.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Eavenson gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$78,797.47 as of 6/30/2021.

DIVISION BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the To Do List and no action was taken.

NEXT MEETING was scheduled for March 14, 2022 at 8:30 AM MST.

BOARD BUSINESS

CONFERENCE UPDATES

Dr. Haley gave an update from the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) 2021 Annual Meeting. She stated that the following recommendations were made: that all Boards receive regular training; that continuing education requirements should include diversity training and infectious disease procedures; and that Boards are discouraged from sponsoring individuals who have failed the exams more than six (6) times.

Dr. Haley also stated that there was a discussion about the fact that telemedicine is expanding nationally and that many of the provisions put into place by states due to COVID-19 will likely become permanent.

Dr. Haley informed the Board that the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) is now a nationally recognized accreditation program for optometric continuing education.

FOR BOARD DETERMINATION

Dr. Walker made a motion to approve a request for termination of probation regarding case number OPT-2019-4. It was seconded by Dr. Haley. Motion carried.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Dr. Sorenson nominated Dr. Fagan to continue serving as the Board chair. It was seconded by Dr. Walker. Motion carried.

Dr. Walker nominated Dr. Haley to continue serving as the Board secretary. It was seconded by Dr. Sorenson. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Haley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 AM MDT. It was seconded by Dr. Sorenson. Motion carried.